

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11-1

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WINONA LAKE, INDIANA
ESTABLISHING STAGGERED TOWN COUNCIL TERMS**

WHEREAS, I.C. 3-10-6-1 and IC-3-10-6-2.5 authorizes towns of three thousand five hundred (3,500) or more persons to establish staggered Terms for the Town Council Members, as well as the Clerk-Treasurer, if the Council so desires, by way of an Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, I.C. 3-10-6-2.5 provides that the Town may adopt an Ordinance during the year preceding a municipal election conducted under IC 3-10-6-2 prescribing the length of the term of office for town legislative body members elected in the municipal election, and

WHEREAS, I.C. 3-10-6-2.5(d) further requires that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the town council members are to be elected for terms of three (3) years, beginning at noon on January 1 following the election, and the remainder of the members of the council are to be elected to terms of four (4) years beginning at noon on January 1, following the election, and thereafter the positions of the members elected for three (3) years, will be elected at the general election for terms of four (4) years, and the members to be elected at the municipal election will be for terms of four (4) years, as set forth at I.C. 3-10-6-6, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Staggered Terms is to provide a continuity of knowledge as to the ongoing business of the town, and of the governmental requirements required by the State laws in the operation of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that staggered Terms of the Town Council Members will be of benefit to the Town, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINONA LAKE, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to I.C. 3-10-6-2.5, the length of the following Town Council Members terms, upon being elected at the forthcoming municipal election under I.C. 3-10-6-2 as follows:

- a. The Council Members representing District 3 and District 5 will be elected for terms of three (3) years beginning at noon on January 1, 2016 following the municipal election, and
- b. The remaining Council Members representing District 1, District 2, and District 4 of the Town will be elected for terms of four (4) years beginning at noon on January 1, 2016 following the municipal election.

Section 2. The three (3) year term for Council Members elected for District 3 and District 5 as set forth in Section 1(a) hereinabove, will become four (4) year terms beginning at noon on January 1, following the general election in which the persons elected for those positions in the 2018 general election, and every four years thereafter as is more specifically set forth at IC 3-10-6-6(a).

Section 3. The four (4) year terms for the Council Members for District 1, District 2 and District 4 as set forth in Section 1(b) hereinabove will remain four (4) year terms, beginning at noon on January 1, following the municipal election in which the person elected for those positions in the 2019 elections, shall thereafter be elected for four (4) year terms at each general election thereafter, as is more specifically set forth at IC 3-10-6-6(a).

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption as required by law.

Section 5. All Ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded and adopted by a unanimous vote of more than two thirds of the council members present, this Ordinance was considered for final adoption and passage upon its first presentation.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, this Ordinance was presented and adopted by a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays on the 21st day of October 2014.

WINONA LAKE TOWN COUNCIL

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NAY

Bruce Shaffner, President

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ATTEST:

Kent Adams, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Winona Lake

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